

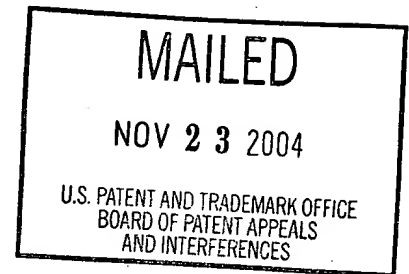
The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was not written for publication and is not binding precedent of the Board.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

Ex parte ALESSANDRA D'AZZO and
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Application No. 09/966,893



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 27, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

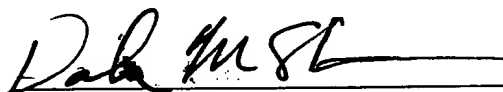
The Patent and Trademark Office PALM INTRANET database "Content Information" shows a "2nd or subsequent Examiner's Answer" mailed August 25, 2004. However, the Supplemental Examiner's Answer is not in the electronic file. Clarification of the existence of this paper is required. If such a paper does exist, it will need to be scanned into the electronic file.

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ORDERED that the application is electronically returned to the Examiner to clarify in writing the existence or nonexistence of the "2nd or Subsequent Examiner's Answer," if such a paper does exist -- to have a complete copy scanned into the IFW file, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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